

CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

Have you ever had a Pap test?

- Ninety-seven percent of adult Montana women reported in 1999 that they had ever had a Pap test.
- The percentage of women who had ever had a Pap test has remained approximately the same since 1992.
- There were no statistical differences in self-reported prevalences of ever having had a Pap test according to age or annual household income levels.
- Eighty-four percent of women with less than a high school education reported that they had ever had a Pap test, while nearly 100 percent of women with a college degree reported having had the test.

Have you had a Pap test in the past three years?

- In 1999, the percentage of women who reported that they had had a Pap test within the past three years was 85%.
- The percentages of women having had a Pap test in the past three years have remained relatively unchanged since 1992, for all adult women and for women aged 70 and older.
- Fewer women aged 65 and older (73%) reported having had a Pap test in the past three years compared with women in younger age classes (>85%).
- Women with a high school degree or more education (>84%) were more likely to have been screened in the past three years than those women with less than a high school education (64%).

Healthy People 2000 Objective:

- 16.12 Increase to 95 percent the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have ever received a Pap test, and to at least 85 percent those who received a Pap test within the preceding 1 to 3 years.

Healthy People 2010 Objective:

- 3-11a Increase the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have ever received a Pap test to at least 97%.
- 3-11b Increase the proportion of women aged 18 and older who have received a Pap test within the preceding 3 years to at least 97%.

Table 14. Cervical Cancer Screening, Montana Adult Women, 1999
(with 95% confidence intervals).

	Ever had a Pap test*				Had Pap test in past 3 years*			
	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)	Total No.	No.	%	CI (+/-)
Adult Females: 1999	759	739	97.0	(1.7)	753	640	85.2	(2.9)
Age:								
18 - 29	148	141	94.5	(4.4)	148	136	91.5	(5.1)
30 - 44	262	259	98.0	(3.3)	262	230	85.9	(5.2)
45 - 64	202	200	99.1	(1.3)	201	171	85.2	(5.2)
65+	147	139	95.3	(3.3)	142	103	73.2	(8.0)
Education:								
<High School	56	49	84.3	(12.8)	55	36	64.0	(15.1)
High School	259	252	96.6	(3.5)	255	215	84.1	(5.3)
Some College	240	235	98.3	(1.6)	239	203	87.1	(4.3)
College Degree	203	202	99.7	(0.7)	203	186	90.9	(4.3)
Income:								
<\$10,000	41				41			
\$10,000 - \$19,999	102	100	97.8	(3.4)	102	84	83.9	(7.6)
\$20,000 - \$34,999	232	230	99.5	(0.7)	230	202	88.1	(4.4)
\$35,000 - \$49,999	106	103	97.8	(2.6)	106	93	86.7	(7.0)
\$50,000+	124	123	96.7	(6.4)	124	113	88.9	(7.7)
Race:								
White, non-Hispanic	700	680	96.7	(1.8)	694	587	84.8	(3.0)
Non-white or Hispanic	58	58	100.0	N/A	58	53	90.7	(8.3)

*Denominator is all adult women with an intact uterine cervix.

Figure 15. Percent of Adult Montana Women (with intact cervix) Having Pap Tests, 1992-1999.

